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Upcoming Events at the Library

(click on each event to learn more about it)

Saturday, 2 p.m., January 14

Monday, 2-4 p.m., January 16

Thursday, 7:00 p.m., January 19

Friday, 7:30 p.m., January 20

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. February 9

Saturday, 2 p.m., February 11

Sunday, 3:00 p.m., February 12

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., February 23

Saturday, 9:00-10:30 a.m., February 25

Saturday, 10:30 a.m., February 25

PLUS, Tuesday Nights at the Movies -

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Colonel Ralph Hodge

Poet and children's book author Richard Michelson

Soulstress Andrea Dawson

An Evening with Texas Singers/Songwriters

Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration at Target North

Wendelin Van Draanen ALLEN Reads Program

Stay tuned for even more activities at the library—see www.allenfriends.org and www.allenlibrary.org, or check out our Facebook page!

Shop Often And Feed Those Meters !!!

The Friends of the Library Endowment Fund has been named beneficiary of the *Change For Charity* program for January through March, 2012! *Change for Charity* is funded by the proceeds collected from Watters Creek's street-side parking meters and provides assistance to selected local non-profit organizations.

The Endowment Fund was chosen for this three-month quarter to receive a percentage of the funds collected from the non-governmental meters. At the end of the quarter, the Endowment Fund will receive a check from Watters Creek. Some meter funds are also used to host community events such as free concerts, family and children's activities, art festivals and seasonal events.

So, starting in January, SHOP WATTERS CREEK OFTEN, FEED THOSE METERS, and help the Library Endowment Fund!!!

The mission of the Allen Public Library is to provide access to diverse information, lifelong learning, entertainment resources and services for Allen residents. Working together, we can create a lasting legacy to the community that will help the library enhance the quality of life for you, your friends and neighbors and your children for years to come.



✓ Resolution #1: Clean out those bookshelves!

Our primary source of funds for supporting the library (after memberships) is our ongoing book sale. Expect to see the shelves well-stocked—our new chairmen are doing a great job! But if you don't bring them in, we can't put them out.

So ... clean out your closets, clean out your kids' bookshelves, bring us books and buy some from us to replace the ones you've donated. You help the library AND it is a fun and inexpensive way to buy books.

Ask at the circulation desk for a tax receipt—donations ARE tax-deductible!





Bach to Books

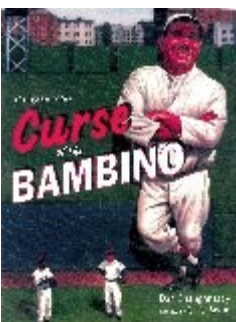
Richard Michelson

Poet and children's book author Richard Michelson appears at the Allen Public Library, **2 pm, Saturday, February 11**. A winner of numerous awards, including the Teachers' Choice Award, his most recent book, Lipman Pike: America's First Home Run King, employs fictional conversations interwoven with factual details as he reconstructs an obscure era, managing to resurrect Pike's story for the modern readers.



Battles and Lullabies, Michelson's latest book of poetry for adults, was selected as one of the 12 best books of 2006 by *ForeWord Magazine*. His poetry has appeared in many anthologies, including The Norton Introduction to Poetry. Clemson University named Michelson as the Richard J. Calhoun Distinguished Reader in American Literature for 2008. Michelson represented the USA at The Bratislava Biennial of Children's Books in Slovakia.

This appearance is also sponsored by Storyopolis Entertainment.



Illustrator C.F. Payne

C.F. Payne will appear at the Allen Public Library at **2 p.m. Saturday, January 14**. This event is also sponsored by Storyopolis Entertainment, who will offer books for sale that can be signed by the artist after the event.

TIME magazine commissioned illustrator C.F. Payne to create its cover for the special edition of President Obama's inauguration in January 2009. His work has adorned *Rolling Stone*, *Texas Monthly*, and *The Atlantic Monthly*. He has also illustrated ten children books, including The Remarkable Farkle McBride and Micawber, written by John Lithgow.

In grade school, C.F. Payne knew that he wanted to become an illustrator or a baseball player. When he decided that his curve ball was not impressive, Payne elected to attend Miami University in Ohio and obtain a Bachelor of Fine Arts. In the 1970s, abstract art was extremely popular, and admitting admiration for Norman Rockwell was considered foolish. However, C.F. Payne persevered, and like Rockwell, his art captures the mood, feelings, detail and aura of his diverse subjects.

When asked about the importance of illustrators to the art world, Payne notes, "Gallery artists often admire illustrators. For example, Van Gogh admired Howard Pyle." He continues, "The small difference between illustrators and fine arts is only in the mind of the illustrator. In earlier times, when the most people were illiterate, they served as storytellers and their services were invaluable. Today, it is important to recognize and appreciate what artists do; they create something new from blank paper."

Even though he did not realize his dream of becoming a baseball player, Payne has illustrated numerous articles for sports magazines such as *Sports Illustrated* and books on baseball, including the Curse of the Bambino by Dan Shaughnessy.

When Payne is not illustrating, he is also the current chair of illustration at Columbus College of Art and Design, as well as a visiting instructor at the Illustration Academy. Payne encourages his students to develop their visual language.

He lives in Cincinnati with his wife Paula and their sons Trevor and Evan.

The Upper Grassmen Play Bluegrass

The Upper Grassmen present an exciting blend of traditional bluegrass, as well as country, blues and jazz all played bluegrass style, at **7:30 p.m. Friday, January 20**. With Bluegrass deeply ingrained in the hearts and souls of these four talented musicians, the group has been winning the hearts of fans from all over North Texas. The Upper Grassmen will provide a foot stomping experience and a night to remember.

The Twin Fiddles, comprised of twin sisters Megan and Kelly Bynum, will open the concert. Playing in tandem, The Twin Fiddles performed for the Allen Heritage Guild's "Civil War Ghost Tales", Heritage Farmstead



Museum in Plano and Willie Nelson's Church in Abbott, Texas.

Organized in 2006, The Upper Grassmen are regulars at the Chrystal Opry House, Spring Break Festival in Bonham, and Atoka Bluegrass Festival. The group

is comprised of four members, Don Sharp, Vance Jones, Randy Keister, and Brad Allen.

ALLEN READS - Something for Everyone in January and February (... and Even More to Come in March)

ALLEN Reads programs are in full swing this winter. Please come to the library and enjoy them all!

Movie Nights Every Tuesday, 7 PM: Come and enjoy classic movies on the big screen. Informed introductions add interest to each one.

Suspense and Mystery in January

January 3 *And Then There Were None* (1945) starring Barry Fitzgerald, Walter Huston, and June Duprez.

January 10 *Laura* (1944) starring Gene Tierney, Vincent Price and Dana Andrews.

January 17 *Murder at the Gallop* (1963) starring Margaret Rutherford, Stringer Davis and Robert Morley.

January 24 *Wait Until Dark* (1967) starring Audrey Hepburn, Richard Crenna and Alan Arkin.

January 31 *Murder on the Orient Express* (1974) starring Lauren Bacall, Ingrid Bergman and Albert Finney.

Sherlock Holmes Many Faces in February

February 7 *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* (1939) starring Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce and Ida Lupino.

February 14 *The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes* (1970) starring Robert Stephens, Colin Blakely and Genevieve Page.

February 21 *Sherlock Holmes* (2009) starring Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law and Rachel McAdams.

February 28 *The Hound of the Baskervilles* (1939) starring Richard Greene, Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce.

Children's Day, Monday, January 16, 2-4 PM: Get A Clue!

A day for children 4-10 to explore mysteries: with magician Todd McKinney; mysterious chickens; and the Allen police. Come for shows, crafts and lots of fun!

Family Night, Thursday, January 19, 7 PM: The World of Sherlock Holmes

Learn things you never knew about Sherlock Holmes, from 100 years ago to today, from three experts from the Dallas Diogenes Club, one of whom is a retired detective and an honorary member of Scotland Yard. See "Shadows of Sherlock Holmes" on page 6 for more information.

Saturday, February 25 - 2 stops to make!!

- **F t 0 " U g w u u ø u " D k t** (Target North, Village of Golden, 19:00v10:30 AM " Drop by Target to get a goody bag and have a story time with ALLEN Library/ALLEN Reads readers. Hear Dr. Seuss books as well as this year's ALLEN Reads selection, *The Great Pig Search*.
- **Wendelin Van Draanen Program and Book Signing, Allen Public Library, 10:30 AM.** Books have always been a part of Wendelin Van Draanen's life. Her mother taught her to read at an early age, and she has fond memories of story time with her father, when she and her brothers would cuddle up around him and listen to him read stories. Feedback from her readers is Van Draanen's greatest reward for writing. "One girl came up to me and told me I changed her life. It doesn't get any better than that," she said. Van Draanen hopes to leave her readers with a sense that they have the ability to steer their own destiny—that individuality is a strength, and that where there's a will, there's most certainly a way.

"I see the Sammy Keyes series as being a multivolume 'coming into your own' story. Basically, 'coming into your own' stories deal with growing up and establishing the criteria for how you want to live your life. What sort of person you grow into should not be achieved by default... I see literature as a method of guidance, information, and contemplation, and consider it the greatest compliment possible when a reader tells me that a book of mine really made him/her think."

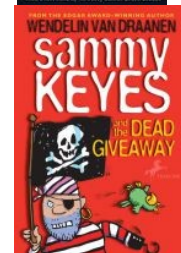
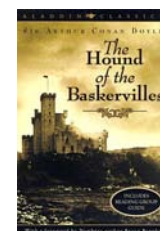
Winner of many awards, including the Edgar Allan Poe Award for Best Children's Mystery for *Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief*, and the California Young Reader Medal for *Flipped*, Van Draanen's books have been translated into many foreign languages and have been optioned for film and television shows.

Books will be available for purchase from Storyopolis.

Movies



ALLEN Reads Books





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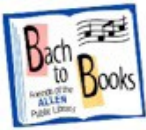
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An Evening with Texas Singers/Songwriters

Some of Texas' celebrated songwriters will gather at the Allen Public Library to present an evening of music sure to prove that our state has bragging rights to the best tunes in the country. Co-sponsored by Texas Roadhouse of McKinney, this program is at **7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 23.**

Songs by Garland native Austin Cunningham have been recorded by Hank Williams, Jr., Martina McBride, Dolly Parton and Wynonna Judd. His songs are featured on film soundtracks, including Ashley Judd's *Where the Heart Is*, and the Richard Gere/Wynona Ryder film, *Autumn in New York*. Austin has performed at the Sundance Film Festival for the Bluebird Café "On the Road" series.



An award-winning Texas singer-songwriter, Zane Williams's writing credits include the top 20 Billboard hit "Hurry Home" recorded by Jason Michael Carroll. After 7 years on the road as a solo act and 2 years as a staff songwriter in Nashville, Williams returned to North Texas in 2008 and has since released two successful independent albums. The nationwide documentary

"Troubadour, TX" is currently following his adventures with a full band.

Performing for over 20 years, Brad Allen began playing banjo at age 14 and progressed to fiddle, dobro, guitar, steel guitar and mandolin. An original member of the Skyriver Boys Bluegrass Band, Brad has performed at dozens of festivals and opened for Steven Curtis Chapman in Garland. Brad performs gospel, bluegrass, country and old time rock & roll.



A principle character on the docu-reality show "Troubadour, TX", 22-year-old Kylie Rae Harris was nominated for Best New Female Vocalist in the State of Texas in 2011. Harris has been performing across Texas for five years and has shared the stage with Chuck Cannon, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Eli Young Band. She has released one album—"All the Right Reasons."

Allen's own Michael Ellis Empey has developed a unique style and his music is a sophisticated yet down home blend of Country, R&B and Jazz which he calls "Country-Bluejazz." In addition, for fifty years, Michael has written and performed comedy and worked with such notables as Eddie Murphy, Jerry Seinfeld and Robin Williams. Michael joined Peter Schless to produce "My Father's Song."



A singer-songwriter-fourth generation musician, Michael Prysock was deeply affected by life in rural Arkansas. Through his music, he tells achingly true tales of the influences of his family and the brotherhood of friends that helped raise him. Prysock skips the clichéd heart songs of romance and moves purposefully to lyrics that convey the struggles of real life.



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Colonel Ralph Hodge

A 33-year U.S. Army and Navy veteran, Col. Ralph Hodge's assignments included tours of duty in the Korean and Viet Nam conflicts. He



will discuss his role in those wars and his military career at the Allen Public Library, **7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 9.**

A recipient of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, Col. Hodge will be escorted to the podium by Boy Scout Troop 328.

A descendant of Captain Thomas Nelson and his mulatto servant Jenny, Col. Hodge has had a life-long fascination with his family genealogy. Captain Nelson served with General George Washington in the Battle of Trenton during the American Revolution. Nelson and Jenny had six children, one being Harry Spurlock from whom Col. Hodge's family descended. Because interracial marriage was prohibited at that time, the children could not carry their father's name.

This programs is also sponsored by Adult Services and VFW 2195.

Sassy Soulstress

Andrea Dawson

Andrea Dawson, the Sassy Soulstress of Blues, performs at the Allen Public Library at **3:00 p.m. Sunday, February 12.** Offering a mixture of smooth blues and rocking jazz, Andrea's venues range from juke joints to prestigious blues festivals to the Dallas Museum of Art. She lives by the adage that if there's music to be made and lives to touch, what better place to be?

Andrea began singing at home where her mother gave her vocal lessons. She later sang in churches and community choirs, but it was the Rich-tone Chorus, an all-female barbershop chorus that launched her professional career. Along with tours to Portugal with the Lucky Peterson Band and headlining in Santiago, Chile, Andrea's most recent tour was in Shanghai, China, where her music was hugely popular. This is also sponsored by Adult services.



Shadows of Sherlock Holmes

For Sherlock-ians, accepting clues at face value can be challenging, but there are times when the facts are fascinating and far from elementary. Representatives of The Diogenes Club of Dallas will present titillating information on Sherlock Holmes, the world's most famous detective, at **7 p.m. Thursday, January 19**, at the Allen Public Library.

The Diogenes Club of Dallas is a scion member of the Baker Street Irregulars of New York and the Franco-Midland Hardware Company of England.

Scotland Yard graduate and Dallas Police Department detective Don Casey will discuss the methodologies and techniques that Scotland Yard utilized during the late Victorian era. Sherlock Holmes' observation skills and ability to deduce meaning from trifles of information helped solve mysterious crimes. For example, Sherlock learned how the different brands of tobacco ash appeared so he could look for clues.

Don Hobbs owns the largest collection of foreign editions of Sherlock Holmes in the world and will discuss some of the critiques, papers and published works on Sherlock Holmes.

Steve Mason will present the world of Sherlock Holmes. He has published articles on Victorian money so that modern readers can understand the current value of the currency adjusted for inflation.



Ebook Update

The library ebook collection went live on November 3 with over 900 licensed titles supplemented by an additional 200 ebooks in December. The licensed ebooks can be found at <http://allen.lib.overdrive.com/>; a patron can check one out for two weeks to his or her library account.

There are also thousands of "Always Available" ebooks, including classics by Mark Twain, Jane Austin, Charles Dickens, and William Shakespeare. For the "Always Available" ebooks, patrons need not log in, and there is no lending expiration. The ALLEN Reads selection "The Hound of the Baskervilles" is one of these and can be downloaded as <http://service.overdrive.com/GUTENBERG/ebooks/allenpublictx/epub/2852>.

This is a wonderful convenience for those who have e-readers. Thanks, Allen Library!

THANKS TO NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS —November/December

Kristen & Matt Amen	Teresa Flores	Mike McCall	Mary Ann Sosebee
H. Shepard Bailey	Lana Fort	Justine Miller	Ellen & Allan Staller
Trey Barlow	Tracey & Tom Hanft	Siqaliso Ngwenya	Worley Stein
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